

Communion is for Making Close Connections

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1. Communion is a means of *menō*/abiding/remaining in Christ.
 - A. The importance and benefits of abiding in Christ. *John 15:1-5*
 - B. How to abide in Christ.
 - a. “abide in my [Jesus’] word” *John 8:31; Colossians 3:16*
 - b. “abide in love” *1 John 4:16*
 - c. Feed on Jesus’ flesh and drink Jesus’ blood *John 6:56*
2. Communion is about *koinōnia*/fellowship with other believers. *Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 10:17*
3. Communion is about fellowship with Christ. *1 Corinthians 10:16*
4. Communion is about cleansing, which allows for a close connection with Christ. *Matthew 26:27-28; 1 John 1:7*
5. Important Communion Passages:
John 6:53-56
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
1 Corinthians 11:23-29
6. *The Priesthood of all believers. 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:4-6*
7. A Prayer of Saint Patrick
Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.